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Applicants: Hans-Peter KRIMMER, et al.

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Group Art Unit: 1652

Examiner: PATTERSON

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Responsive to the Official Action dated August 21, 2002, Applicants elect, with traverse, Group I, Claims 1-10, for further prosecution.

REMARKS

The Office has required restriction in the present application as follows:

Group I: Claims 1-10, drawn to a process for producing an allysine acetal; and

Group II: Claim 11, drawn to a method for producing a pharmaceutical or biologically active product using an acetal.

Applicants elect, with traverse, Group I, Claims 1-10.

Applicants note that claims of Group II directly depend on Group I and as such can not be separated.

In regard to Groups I and II, the Office has characterized the relationship between these two groups as "mutually exclusive and patentably distinct." However, the Office merely states this conclusion without providing any reasonable basis to support this assertion. In fact, when attempting to demonstrate distinctness the Office states that "[Group II] reads